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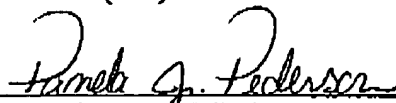
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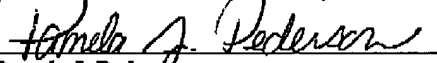
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004. Please enter the amendments as shown in the listing of claims and consider the subsequent remarks/arguments.